



## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR PET

Holidays should be a time for happiness and peace and that may involve special care for your pets.

Try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routines as possible. Stay clear of potential dangers to your pet:

- ✳ Securely anchor your Christmas tree so that it doesn't tip. The tree water may also have chemicals or bacteria that could cause illness in pets.
- ✳ Be aware that cats like tinsel that shines on your tree but if swallowed tinsel, can cause an obstructed digestive tract.
- ✳ Keep your pets away from your dining room table and unattended plates of food. ALWAYS keep chocolate away from pets.
- ✳ Holly, mistletoe and poinsettia plants are all poisonous. Keep them away from pets and children.
- ✳ Don't leave lighted candles unattended.
- ✳ Keep wires, batteries and ornaments out of paws' reach.
- ✳ Be sure to place unattended alcohol drinks where pets cannot get to them.
- ✳ Give your pet a quiet space to escape from the holiday activity and guests.
- ✳ NEVER leave dogs and children alone together. Teach children not to approach strange animals.
- ✳ Never tease or provoke animals.
- ✳ Do not pet, handle or feed unknown animals.
- ✳ Be sure that your pet's immunizations are up to date and that they are licensed and micro chipped.
- ✳ Do not go near any wild animal or family pet that is acting strange or aggressive or if you or your pet gets an unprovoked bite. **If you see such an animal or are bitten, call the Police Department immediately.**